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## **WASHINGTON POLICYMAKERS TO HEAR FROM INSULATION LEADERS** *Insulation Industry National Policy Forum to take place May 8-9 on Capitol Hill*

WASHINGTON (May 8, 2018) – The insulation industry is hosting the second-annual Insulation Industry National Policy Forum May 8-9 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington where organizations plan to engage with policymakers about the substantial contributions of the insulation industry, as well as its key priorities and challenges.

Participating organizations include: [American Chemistry Council's \(ACC\) Center for the Polyurethanes Industry \(CPI\)](#) and [Spray Foam Coalition \(SFC\)](#), [Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association \(CIMA\)](#), [Extruded Polystyrene Association \(XPSA\)](#), [Insulation Contractors Association of America \(ICAA\)](#), [National Insulation Association \(NIA\)](#), [North American Insulation Manufacturers Association \(NAIMA\)](#), [Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association \(PIMA\)](#), [Structural Insulated Panel Association \(SIPA\)](#) and their respective member companies.

The insulation industry has three key priorities it will focus on during the Policy Forum and beyond:

- Ensure federal infrastructure policies support the construction of resilient buildings.
- Support the Department of Energy's role in promoting healthy, energy-efficient homes and workplaces.
- Support federal policies that promote a legally admitted, foreign-born workforce for the construction industry.

An [economic study](#) released by ACC last month on the contributions of insulation to the U.S. economy in 2017 reported the insulation industry – including the manufacture, distribution and installation of insulation – generates more than 500,000 jobs in the U.S. and more than \$30 billion in payrolls that support families and local communities around the country.

In addition, insulation manufacturing is a \$13.9 billion business and directly employs more than 37,000 people across 42 states. Indirectly, through its purchases of supplies, raw materials, equipment and services, insulation manufacturing supports an additional 52,000 jobs in supply-chain industries. Through the household spending of the wages and salaries paid to workers in insulation manufacturing and their suppliers, an additional 60,000 payroll-induced jobs are supported.

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